

REMARKS

Claims 22-58 are pending in the application. The Examiner objects to claims 25, 27-31, 34, 39, 40, 42-47, 50, 51 and 54-58. Claims 22-24, 26, 32, 33, 35-38, 41, 48, 49 and 52 stand rejected. The Examiner's objections and rejections are addressed below in substantially the same order as in the office action.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 102

Claims 22-24, 26, 48, 49 and 52 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shwe et al. (US 5,587,525).

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant notes the Examiner's conclusion that claims 25, 27-31, 34, 39, 40, 42-47, 50, 51 and 54-58 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has rewritten claim 22 with the recitations of claim 24 and 25. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claim 22 and all claims depending (claims 23, 26, 27, 28, 29) therefrom are allowable. Claims 24 and 25 have been canceled.

Applicant has rewritten claim 30 with the recitations of claim 24 and 22. Claim 30 has also been amended to correct a grammatical error. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claim 30 is allowable.

Applicant has rewritten claim 31 with the recitations of claim 22. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claim 31 is allowable.

Applicant has rewritten claim 32 with the recitations of claim 34. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claim 32 and all claims depending therefrom are allowable. Claim 34 has been canceled.

Applicant has rewritten claim 35 with the recitations of claim 38 and 39. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claim 35 and all claims depending therefrom are allowable. Claims 38 and 39 have been canceled.

Claims 40, 42 and 43 have been amended to depend from claim 35. Claims 36 and 41 already depend from claim 35. All these claims are believed to be allowable.

Applicant has rewritten claim 44 with the recitations of claim 35 and 38 and also in Markush form the recitations of claims 45, 46 and 47. Claims 45, 46, and 47 have been canceled. Because claim 44 has been rewritten in independent form with only the recitations of objected-to claims, Applicant believes that claim 44 is allowable.

Applicant has amended claim 48 with the recitation of claim 50. Claim 50 was objected-to but otherwise allowable. Claim 50 has been canceled. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claim 48 and all claims depending therefrom are allowable.

Applicant believes that the above-described amendments place this case in condition for allowance and such action is hereby requested.

CONCLUSION

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the application is in a condition for allowance. No fee is believed due for this paper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **02-0429 (584-30094-US)**.

Respectfully submitted,

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